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PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

Obama's Remarks at White House Iftar
White House. June 17, 2015.

"Ramadan is a time in which families and communities come together for iftars and prayers in festive gatherings that demonstrate the rich and diverse traditions of Muslim societies and cultures.

It is also a deeply spiritual time of reflection and renewal meant to increase thankfulness and consciousness of God's mercy. Muslims honor each day of Ramadan as a day of patient endurance through fasting, and each night as a night of gratitude through prayers. It is a time to reinforce faith, compassion and forgiveness, and perseverance through adversity. In this month of giving, Muslims around the globe reach out to assist those afflicted by conflict, hunger, poverty and disease."

SECRETARY OF STATE'S MESSAGE

Secretary Kerry at Ramadan Iftar Dinner
IIP Digital. June 17, 2015.

"Ramadan is a season for heightened reflection, worship, compassion, and community. For Muslims everywhere, this special month provides spiritual nourishment and reinforces appreciation for the universal value -- and values -- of humanity. It is also a time to reflect on awareness of the responsibility of people of all faiths to help those in

need, including those stricken by poverty and the victims of conflict in such countries as Burma, Iraq, Libya, Nigeria, Somalia, Syria, and Yemen. Ramadan underscores the beauty in community -- one that eats, prays and works together -- and that answers the sacred call that we desire for others what we desire for ourselves."

Videos

[**American Muslims: Who Are American Muslims?**](#) (04:29 mins)

[**American Muslims: Where Are American Muslim Voices?**](#) (04:25 mins)

[**American Muslims: How Do American Muslims Live Their Religion?**](#) (04:50 mins)

[**American Muslims: What Do American Muslims Do?**](#) (04:53 mins)



AMERICAN MUSLIMS

This electronic publication demonstrates that with freedom, faith, and hard work, each successive wave of immigrants has added its distinctive contributions to the American story. It also portrays how Muslims in America enrich the U.S. cultural mix in the following chapters:

[**Unity Through Diversity: The American Identity**](#)

[**Islam and the United States**](#)

[**Muslim Immigration**](#)

[**American Muslims: Diverse, Valued, Vital**](#)

[**Chicago Muslims: Deep Roots, Many Branches**](#)

[**Living Islam in America**](#)

[**Finding Common Ground in the Sacred Community**](#)

[**American Hajji**](#)

[**More on Muslims in America who have brought innovation, diversity and productive ideas to American life.**](#)



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